

## REMARKS

### 35 USC §103

Claims 1 and 6 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being obvious over US 5007171 to Horning, Jr. ("Horning") in view of US Des. 276786 to Chen ("Chen"). Those rejections are obviated by the amendments herein.

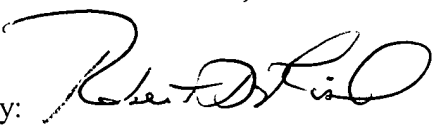
Claim 1 now recites that the exteriors of the arms extend concavely from a common bridge. That feature is important for safety and ergonomics. The feature is not present in any of the cited art. No reference or combination of references teaches, suggests, or would have motivated one skilled in that art to practice the currently claimed invention.

Claims 2-5 were rejected under 25 USC § 103(a) as being obvious over US 5007171 to Horning, Jr. ("Horning") in view of US 5103562 to Bratz ("Bratz"). The same arguments apply here. In addition, claims 2-3 are canceled herein, and claims 4 and 5 are allowable as being dependent on allowable claim 1.

### REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

Claims 1, 4-6 are pending in this application. The applicants request allowance of all pending claims.

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